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Dear Mr. Chairman:

During my briefing of the Committee on 19 June 1957, interest was expressed regarding public announcements of USSR nuclear tests, and also as to the sources of thorium supply available to the Soviets. As I recall, the latter was of particular interest to Senator Bricker.

I forward herewith two reports which were recently prepared on these subjects.

Sincerely,

*Allen Dulles*

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Honorable Carl F. Surman  
Chairman, Joint Committee  
on Atomic Energy  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Surman:

During my briefing to the Committee on 19 June 1957, interest was expressed in regard to public announcements of IAEA nuclear tests and also as to the sources of thorium supply available to the Soviets. As I recall, the latter was of particular interest to Senator Bricker.

I forward herewith two reports which were recently prepared for the Committee on these subjects.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

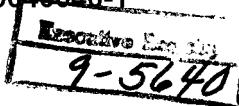
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BRIEF FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT : Reports for the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy

1. During your briefing to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy on 19 June 1957 various members of that Committee expressed interest in announcements by the US, USSR, and Japanese of Soviet nuclear tests and also in the sources of thorium supply available to the USSR.
2. The attached letter for your signature forwards reports recently prepared by NED/OSI in response to their interest.



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